GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Central Plantation and Crops Research Institutes
Charitra Shri Ram

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Central Plantation and Crops Research Institutes are considering to impart training to farmers on latest technologies for sustainable farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many State Governments have demanded the expansion of Central Plantation and Crops Research Institutes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Kasaragod has developed farmer and entrepreneur friendly technologies such as (i) palm based cropping and farming systems to enhance productivity and for effective utilization of resources, (ii) developed value-added products such as kalparasa (inflorescence sap), virgin coconut oil, coconut chips, coconut milk and coconut sugar which have provided an opportunity to establish agribusiness entrepreneurship in villages/rural areas to empower small and marginal farmers, rural youth and women, (iii) introduced cocoa as a sustainable mixed crop in arecanut, coconut and oilpalm gardens to enhance profitability of farmers engaged in these crops, (iv) developed integrated nutrient, water and pest management strategies for enhancing production of coconut, arecanut and cocoa, (v) developed high yielding and abiotic and biotic stress tolerant varieties in coconut, arecanut and cocoa, (vi) developed coconut harvestor.

(c) Yes, Madam. Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of India to establish a regional station in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Govt. is examining the proposal of Andhra Pradesh.

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